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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6504**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 224

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 1, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 29, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Ambulance Services Report.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. T. Brown

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), the Division of Fire and Building Safety, and the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMS Commission) to report to the Health Finance Commission before October 1, 2012, concerning specified information on ambulances and emergency medical services. The bill requires the agencies to consult with entities that may be affected by a proposal being considered for the report.

*Physician Licensure Provision:* The bill adds the violations of failing to disclose, or negligently omitting, documentation requested for license renewal to the list of violations for which the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana may investigate and assess a civil penalty against a physician.

*Accreditation of Community-Based Residential, Habilitation, and Employment Providers:* The bill provides a process for approval of an entity that is approved by a national accrediting body to provide certain services under home and community-based services waivers for the developmentally disabled.

*Conflict of Interest Provision:* The bill provides that a physician who is employed or under contract with certain county or city hospitals is considered to be a public servant who is not subject to certain conflict of interest prohibitions.

*Health & Hospital Corporation Provision:* The bill exempts the Marion County Health & Hospital Corporation from following certain procedures in the sale, lease, or disposal of property. (Current law exempts the Health and Hospital Corporation from following these procedures in the disposal of surplus property.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill requires a, written, and oral report from the EMS Commission, the Division of Fire and Building Safety, and the ISDH to be made to the Health Finance Commission. The report is required to cover policies and procedures for calling and responding to 911, equipment guidelines for ambulances, ambulance response times and transportation procedures, procedures for health facilities to obtain emergency and nonemergency medical transportation, how ambulance coverage is affected by ambulances that are subject to geographical or jurisdictional limits, procedures, or policies for determining to which hospital a patient is transported, and a review of the state trauma care system. Reporting on agency policies and procedures should be within the ISDH's, the Division's, and the EMS Commission's available level of resources.

*Health Finance Commission:* The Health Finance Commission (HFCO) has 24 legislative members, consisting of members of the Senate Health and Provider Services Committee and the House of Representatives Public Health Committee. The HFCO operates under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for committees with more than 16 members. The HFCO should be able to add this study to their plan of work within the likely committee budget.

*Accreditation of Community-Based Residential, Habilitation, and Employment Providers:* The bill provides that entities approved to provide residential habilitation and support services under Medicaid home and community-based services waivers must be accredited by an approved national accrediting body. The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) would no longer be required to do reapproval surveys or routine monitoring surveys of accredited providers. The Bureau would continue to be responsible for initial surveys, any validation surveys, and complaint investigations of the providers. This provision may result in some operating efficiency for the BDDS.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) *Physician Civil Penalties-* This provision would place an additional category under which a violation would allow the Medical Licensing Board (MLB) to assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. Any additional revenues the provision could generate would depend on the action taken by the MLB. Physician civil penalties are to be placed in the Physician Compliance Fund (PCF) that was established during the last session of the General Assembly under P.L. 149-2011. As of September 2011, there were 23,871 physicians licensed by the MLB. There were 2,703 physicians that saw their license expire during 2011.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Conflict of Interest Provision:* This provision should have no fiscal impact.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Health & Hospital Corporation Provision:* This provision should result in some administrative efficiencies with regard to the sale, lease, or disposal of property by the Health & Hospital Corporation.

**State Agencies Affected:** ISDH; Division of Fire and Building Safety; Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; MLB.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local government-owned hospitals and the Health & Hospital Corporation.

**Information Sources:** ISDH, EMS Commission.

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